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1. Attached as Annex A is a table showing the organization of the East German metal import-export organization, Deutscher Innen-und Aussenhandel Metall (DIA Metall), as of January 1954.
2. DIA Metall's permanent representative in Moscow, Gerhard Wiegand, paid a four day visit to Berlin at the end of January 1954 to investigate complaints that deliveries from the USSR were defective. Representatives of the metal industry in East Germany showed him examples of poor quality goods, of deliveries which had not been ordered, and of lots delivered in unusable sizes. He promised to raise the matter with the Soviet authorities.

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At the end of 1953, Werner Schlitzer, deputy head of the Steel Tube Department, made a trip to Rumania, and Fritz Grunig, head of the Fine Steel Department, accompanied by Helmut Wolters, deputy head of the Steel Plate Department, visited Czechoslovakia.

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steel import prices are to be reduced in order to meet growing competition from Western countries

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ANNEX AOrganization of DIA Metall as of January 1954

(Address: Berlin-Pankow, Goeschstr. 45-46)

Director: Fritz Dolling<sup>1</sup> (Secretary: Frau Kloehn)  
Deputy director: August Harms<sup>1</sup> (Secretary: Frl. Helene Anders)

Administration

Head: Siegfried Saelzer  
USSR Liaison: Gerhard Wiegand<sup>2</sup>

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Chief Accountant: SaemischPlanning Dept (5)<sup>3</sup>: Cyrile SobolewskiMarket Analysis: Bodo HerrmannStaff: Frau KrauseLegal adviser: Dr. Heinz SachsInvoicing: Joachim StengerBookkeeping: Helmut WillmaCashier: Frau Martha Laebe

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Exports (3): Willi WittImport Division

Head: Karl Heinz Raabe<sup>1</sup>  
USSR Referat: Frl. Inge Salewski

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Kontor 1 (Plate) - (5)

Head: Frl. Edith Wille<sup>2</sup>  
Deputy: Helmut Wolters

Kontor 2 (Bars and shapes) - (5)

Head: Hans Blenke  
Deputy: Alfred Kaltwasser

Kontor 3 (Fine sheets) - (6)

Head: Fritz Gruenig<sup>2</sup>  
Deputy: Paul Lippert

Kontor 4 (Wire and strip) - (8)

Head: Frau Charlotte Froese  
Deputy: Hans Kopmann

Kontor 5 (Tubes) - (6)

Head: Herbert Thiele<sup>2</sup>  
Deputy: Werner Schlitzer

Kontor 6 (Pig iron and iron alloys) - (1)Head: Frau KrueckebergKontor 7 (Nonferrous metals) - (6)

Head: Walter Bluhm  
Deputy: Hans Witzki

Transport (3): Hans KoeppkeArchives (1): Frau Herta FrankeTyping pool (12): Frau Gertrud ReichComments:

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2. Travel to Soviet bloc countries on behalf of the organization.
3. The numbers in brackets show the number of employees in the department (where known).

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